— Hotel accommodation at Centaur hotel.

— Reimbursement of STD phone charges.

— These passengers travelled by the next First Available Service *i.e.* IC 809 on 4th November, 2002.

Excess 'OK' seats in flight CD-7411

†633. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the passenger listed in 'OK' and 'waiting list' of flight No. CD-7411 on 3rd November, 2002 separately;

(b) the number of 'OK' and wait-listed passengers who got the seats out of them in the said flight;

(c) whether some of the passengers from 'OK' category did not get the seats in the flight; and

(d) if so, the reason therefor and the reasons for issuing 'OK' tickets in excess of the availability of seats in the flight?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The booking position of flight CD-7411 of 3rd November, 2002 was as under:—

	Booked	Waitlisted
Delhi/Lucknow	31	04
Delhi/Patna	73	15
Delhi/Ranchi	22	08

(b) The details of sector-wise OK passengers checked-in on flight CD-7411 of 3rd November, 2002 are as under:—

Delhi/Lucknow	28
Delhi/Patna	73
Delhi/Ranchi	18

No passenger was accepted from the waiting list.

(c) and (d) Overbooking of flights is a standard airline practice all over the world to avoid spoilage of seats/revenue. In isolated cases of all

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

passengers reporting for the flight, offloading is being done in the following order by Indian Airlines:—

— Passengers holding free tickets.

— Passengers holding rebated fare tickets.

— Staff on duty.

Accordingly, three persons holding Agents' Discounted tickets could not be accommodated on flight CD-7411 of 3.11.2002. However, they travelled on first available flight IC 809 of 4.11.2002.

Airport charges

634. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a study conducted to go into landing and navigation charges at International airports in the country *vis-a-vis* other countries has revealed Indian Airports as the costliest; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the impact of these charges on domestic airlines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) No such study has been conducted. However, India is ranked at 115 out of 224 airports in terms of charges for B-747 aircraft, as far as landing and take off are concerned. The charges at Indian airports are US$ 2,285 as against the highest charges of US$ 10,292 at Frankfurt Airport, Germany and lowest charges of US$ 101 at Guinea Bissau Airport for B-747 aircraft. India charges Rs. 8040 to Rs. 27451 for Route Navigational Facility Charges (RNFC) depending on distance of 100 to 2000 Nautical Miles, as compared to charges in Australia (Rs. 5258 to Rs. 105162) Brazil (Rs. 11141 to Rs. 222824), Canada (Rs. 3824 to Rs. 76472) and Euro Control (Rs. 11876 to Rs. 237520) for B-747 aircraft. RNFC is low in India when compared to other countries in the world. However, the charges vary with the level of traffic and the earning from non-traffic revenue sources.

With effect from 1st October, 2002 AAI has restructured its Navigational charges from weight basis to weight cum distance basis in consultation with International Air Transport Association and with due